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Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement for entry in the above-identified application.

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In response to the restriction requirement dated November 8, 2005, in the above-identified application, Applicant hereby elects Claims 1-17 of Group I without traverse relative to Claims 18-24 of Group II.

In the event the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this

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